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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON NOVEMBER 9 MEETING (SALT TWO -347)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING SEMENOV MADE STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE VIII OF THEIR PROPOSAL ON MIRVS, WHICH ADDED NOTHING NEW EXCEPT THAT HE ALSO LAID STRESS ON NECESSITY OF "TAKING INTO ACCOUNT" BUILD-UP OF NUCLEAR ARMS IN THIRD COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THOSE CAPABLE OF BEING MRVED OR MIRVED. IN THIS CONNECTION HE REAFFIRMED VALIDITY OF SOVIET MAY 26, 1972 UNILATERAL STATEMENT ON MISSILE SUBMARINES OF USNATO ALLIES. HE ALSO STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF INCLUDING SLBMS AS WELL AS ICBMS IN MIRV LIMITATIONS.

2. I MADE STATEMENT ON ESSENTIAL EQUIVALENCE, EQUAL AGGREGATES AND FREEDOM TO MIX. (TEXT BY SEPTTEL.)

3. IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION HE AVOIDED ANY REPLY TO MY INDIRECT INVITATION TO SAY WHETHER IN SPEAKING OF THIRD-COUNTRY NUCLEAR POWERS HE WAS INCLUDING CHINA.

4. IN HIS PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH NITZE, SSHCHUKIN SAID THAT HE HAD CAREFULLY STUDIED NOVEMBER 6 THROW-WEIGHT STATEMENT AND, WHILE THE REST OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION DID NOT SHARE THE SAME

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VIEW, HE (SHCHUKIN) PERSONALLY AGREED THAT THERE WAS MERIT IN

THE IDEA OF THROW-WEIGHT AS A MEASURE OF MISSILE CAPABILITY.
HE SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF LIMITING JUST THROW-WEIGHT,
WITH EACH SIDE FREE TO DETERMINE WHAT NUMBERS OF MISSILES
IT WOULD BUILD WITHIN AGGREGATE, BUT SAID THAT IT WOULD ALSO
BE IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE SLBMS AAND FACTOR IN BOMBERS.

5. SEMENOV SAID THAT BECAUSE OF CONTINUING HOLIDAYS IN MOSCOW
HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED REPLY ON OUR RECESS PROPOSAL BUT ANTICIPATED
NO DIFFICULTY AND WOULD TELEPHONE MOSCOW AS SOON AS THESE OFFICES

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